

Proclamation by the Governor of Texas,

vetoing and disapproving certain items in House Bill Number 53, being An Act making appropriations for the support of certain departments of the state government for the two years ending August 31, 1919, and being more particularly described as:

An item of \$10,000 for each of the two years, ending August 31, 1918 and August 31, 1919, for the purpose of collecting from every available source information concerning stocks on hand and the probable yield of farm and ranch products, and of disseminating the same; ~~to be expended by the Agriculture, Commerce and Labor Department~~ and of establishing agencies for the sale of farm, orchard and ranch products, wherever it may be deemed advisable, under the rules of the warehouse and marketing law, under such rules as may be prescribed by the board. This is an appropriation of \$20,000 to be spent in said two years for gathering statistics.

In my opinion all such information can be obtained from statistics furnished by the federal government, and I do not believe that the expenditure of this money for this purpose would be worth that much to the taxpayers.

Likewise the item of \$10,000 for each of the two years beginning September 1, 1917 and September 1, 1918, in the Department of Agriculture made for the purpose of collecting, compiling and disseminating agricultural information is also vetoed and disapproved for the same reason.

The item of appropriation for salaries and expenses for collecting fees under the pure food laws of \$2500. for each of the years ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919, in the Pure Food Commissioner's Department is also vetoed and disapproved for the reason that it appears that sufficient appropriations were otherwise made by the legislature for salaries.

An item to pay Mexican war veterans of \$9000 for each of the two years, ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919, in the Comptroller's appropriation is also vetoed and disapproved, because this appropriation is a duplication of a like amount set aside in House Bill Number 78, and there is no need for both of

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said appropriations. All of said items being vetted on the  
various pages of said House bill Number 53, this the 5th day of  
June, A. D. 1917.

*H. C. Ferguson*  
Governor of Texas.